





Pocahontas County

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Knapps Creek.

Organized 1903 ----- Built 1904.

Sept. 20, 1940

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Westminster Presbyterian Church was organized by a Commission of Greenbrier Presbytery on the 24th day of October, 1903, when members of the Huntersville Church, living near the present site of Westminster Church, petitioned Presbytery for a separate organization at Sunset, West Virginia. The building now occupied by the Westminster Church was associated with the Huntersville Presbyterian Church and for several years past has been grouped with Liberty, Baxter, and Huntersville Churches. Before the Westminster Church was built, the Presbyterian ministers came down from Greenbank and held services once a month in the Mount Vernon Methodist Church at Frost.

Westminster Church is situated about half-way between Huntersville and Frost on the Knapps Creek road.

The charter members were:

L. W. Herold

Winston Herold

Lock Herold

Moses Herold

Divers McElwee

Mrs. Maggie Lockridge

Maude Lockridge

Dennis Dever

Allie Dever

B. F. Fleshman

Mrs. B. F. Fleshman
Annie Fleshman
P. L. Cleek
Mrs. P. L. Cleek
Belle Cleek
Annie Cleek
Lillian Cleek
J. A. Cleek
George Hamilton
Roy Crummit
Mrs. Frank Dever
Mrs. Hugh Dever
Myrta Moore
Wise Herold
Amos Herold
Henry Herold
Ada Sharp
Mrs Maria Herold
Millard Herold
Letcher Herold
Forest Herold
Coe Beverage
Mrs. Coe Beverage
The first Elders were: L. W. Herold
P. L. Cleek
Coe Beverage
A. L. Herold

The first Deacons were: { Wise Herold
{ John A. Cleek

The following ministers have served as pastors of the Westminster Church:

- Rev. G. W. Nickell
- Rev. J. M. Walker
- Rev. A. W. Rachall
- Rev. W. Graham Wood
- Rev. D. McD. Monroe
- Rev. A. B. Williford

Especially notable is the pastorate of the Rev. G. W. Nickell, during whose ministry the church was launched and the church building completed.

The deed for the land upon which this church was built was made April 27, 1903, between B. F. Hamilton and Mary A. Hamilton, parties of the first part and Wise Herold, Trustee, party of the second part. The deed was for one acre lying on the northwest fork of Knapps Creek road where the Hill Road comes into Knapps Creek Road. The one acre was to be laid out in as near a square as possible and the church lot was to be fenced and kept fenced. This land was conveyed to the said Herold for the purpose of building a Presbyterian Church thereon, and the said Herold was to convey the land to the regularly appointed trustees as soon as they were appointed.

A few years after the church was completed, probably about 1908, the first Huntersville District Sunday School Conven-

tion was held in it with W. A. G. Sharp, President and J. C. Harper, Secretary. In 1923, the first County Convention to be held in Huntersville District convened here.

There has been a Sunday school ever since the church was built but at times it was discontinued during the winter months. At present the Sunday school enrollment is about thirty-five persons.

There are preaching services at this church about twice a month and the Rev. A. B. Williford is the pastor. At present the membership is about forty persons.

The Elders serving the church at the present time are:

Loy Hively

Winston Herold

Coe Beverage

Deacons: Rene McLaughlin

The church has two Sunday School rooms. It is furnished with comfortable benches and a piano. It now has electric lights.

Information: The Church on the Western Waters - Courtney
Miss Enid Harper
Mrs. Price Moore